

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 30, 2005, the declaration was defective; claims 16 and 17 were "objected to"; and claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21 and 22 were rejected under 102(b) as being anticipated by Igari et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,044,654); and claims 6, 9, 12, 15 and 20 were rejected under 103(a) as being unpatentable over Igari et al. in view of Park et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,664,437). The foregoing objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

A copy of the Declaration filed August 23, 2004 is attached. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection to the Declaration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 18-20 have been amended. Claims 1-22 are pending and under consideration.

Neither of the foregoing references, individually or combined, discuss a refrigerator comprising "a first duct and a second duct in communication with the evaporating unit to guide cooling air generated from the evaporating unit to the freezing compartment and the refrigerating compartment of the main body, respectively, the second duct being positioned at a top portion of the refrigerating compartment of the main body and comprising a cooling air supply hole to supply the cooling air to the refrigerating compartment," as recited in amended claim 1, for example.

Instead, Igari et al. discusses a refrigerator having a refrigerating chamber and a cooling chamber positioned in series such that the refrigerating chamber positioned above the cooling chamber (see FIG. 1). Cool air is supplied from the cooling chamber to the refrigerating chamber via a cool air chamber at a back of the refrigerating chamber. Another cool air chamber is provided for the side of the refrigerator to separately provide cool air and to control the amount of cool air supplied via side cold-air blow off ports on sidewalls of the refrigerator (see Abstract). That is, Igari et al. does not provide a duct at a top portion of the refrigerating chamber to supply cold air to the refrigerating chamber.

Further, Park et al. discusses a refrigerator including a cool air distribution apparatus having a air duct including first and second vertical air passages, and a row of vertically spaced discharge opening disposed between the air passages (see FIGS. 5 and 13). The cool air distribution apparatus guides cool air generated from evaporator (see column 5, lines 53-55).

Independent claim 18 has been amended to recite similar features as those of amended claim 1.

Dependent claims 2-17 and 19-22 recite patentably distinguishing features of their own. For example, claim 4 recites "wherein the main duct further comprises a first cooling air channel and a second cooling air channel on the inside thereof, to guide the cooling air to the side ducts".

Therefore, the combination of Igari et al. and Park et al. fails to establish a prima facie case of obviousness over the present invention.

Thus, withdrawal of the rejection and objections is respectfully requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

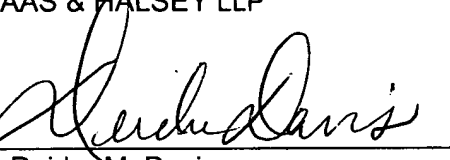
If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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